



Getting room assignments and picking up keys is always a high moment in a new collegian's life. Here Clintonians Steve Tullos (center) and Chip Massey (right), both of whom will be entering Mississippi College later this month, receive their

room key from David Holloway, associate dean of students (men). Residence halls are filling up fast as the college prepares to open for its 156th academic session and its 131st year as an agency of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

## Mississippi College prognosis includes enrollment increase

Starting off a new school year with new course offerings and new faculty members has been a common occurrence for Mississippi College down through the years.

This year a new twist has been added, however. Not only are there new course offerings and new faculty members, but a "new" branch campus located in Newton will be in operation for the first time under the administration of Mississippi College.

Clarke College, the Mississippi Baptist Convention-supported junior college in Newton, has been merged with Mississippi College and will become officially known as Clarke College, a division of Mississippi College, after legal and budgetary matters are resolved.

"We are excited over the merger and the opportunity of assuming re-

sponsibility for an established junior college and adding some third-year and graduate level courses to the curriculum there," said Charles Martin, vice-president for academic affairs.

Martin indicated that third-year courses will be offered on the Clarke campus in the areas of religion, English, history, music and education. The junior college program leading to the associate degree will be continued, with a provision for direct transfer into the baccalaureate program at Mississippi College.

Plans are also in the making for providing three nights of graduate education on the Clarke campus with the courses to be offered depending on the needs of individuals living in the greater Newton area.

Although Mississippi College officials are excited over the possibilities

at Clarke, it is the enrollment outlook for the Clinton campus that is really causing a lot of excitement.

According to the Admissions Office report as of July 15, on-campus residency in the dormitories will be greatly increased, especially in the women's residences. The report showed that 430 dormitory assignments had been made as of July 15 as compared to just 407 one year ago. In addition, there are 149 applications currently being processed.

Overall, the Admissions Office report showed that 590 applications had been received through July 15, with 399 of these already accepted for admission to the College while only 392 acceptances had been granted at the same time last year.

"What is really encouraging," says Dean of Admissions Rory Lee, "is the fact that we have had almost 20 fewer cancellations this year than last year which indicates to us that those making application to Mississippi College are really interested in attending."

"As of July 15 we had already accepted 257 freshmen for admission," reports Lee, "while at this same time last year only 241 freshmen had been accepted. We seem to be experiencing a slight decline in transfer students over the same period last year, but we are up in readmissions over last year."

Lee is optimistic not only about the

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## Baptist student work is on 26 campuses

By Lloyd Lunceford  
Department of Student Work

Baptist Student Union—or to put it differently, BSU, as it is widely designated throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, is our Baptist witness on 26 colleges and university campuses throughout Mississippi. It is directed by a professional staff of 34 full-time and part-time BSU directors who love students and who are committed to meeting their spiritual needs.

The purpose of BSU is to lead students to a commitment to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, and to nurture them in the Christian faith and life. This is accomplished through:

- worship services on campus
- student-to-student evangelism
- retreats, forums, conferences, recreation
- study and growth groups
- community service projects
- annual state and national student conferences
- a ministry to international students and others on campus
- and student missions projects in the United States and overseas.

BSU can perhaps best be described as a fellowship of college students seeking to find and implement God's purpose for them and their world—a program that provides opportunity for an inward journey of spiritual growth and an outward journey of service to others—and an organization that is recognized on more than 1,000 campuses in the United States and in several foreign countries.

In short, BSU is a Baptist Work—it is student centered, church related, and offers students nothing but the best.

Bold Mission Thrust has been paramount in BSU for the last 34

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## 75th Celebration concludes

# William Carey College to name coast buildings

William Carey College's 75th Anniversary year has been one of celebration and planning.

The celebration has already involved Carey's New Orleans and Hattiesburg campuses, with the climactic event to be held in September at Carey on the Coast.

In New Orleans, the college joined with Southern Baptist Hospital in celebrating the dedication of the new \$9 million education building that houses Carey's School of Nursing and all of the hospital's education programs.

The School of Nursing has also re-established the impressive pinning ceremony and will hold its first "Alumni Day" in October.

The celebration for the Hattiesburg campus began with Homecoming in March. A week of student activities led up to one of the most successful Homecomings ever.

Some 200 alumni participated in the activities, which included a choral performance by students and music alumni, an "Old-Timers" baseball game, class get-togethers, and a program focusing on Carey's 75-year history.

Less than a week after Homecoming, an academic convocation honored three of Mississippi's finest talents: writer Eudora Welty, soprano Leon-

tyne Price, and painter Lucile Parker.

The same evening, President Ralph Noonkester was honored with a reception hosted by First Mississippi National Bank. Noonkester is celebrating his 25th year as president of Carey.

As the 75th anniversary year draws to a close, the focus now turns to Carey on the Coast. On Sept. 10, the college will dedicate three buildings on the Coast campus, naming them in honor of three Mississippi Baptist families who have been successful in business and who have been enthusiastically supportive of Christian higher education.

The administration building will be called Fairchild Administrative Center honoring the late W. R. Fairchild and two of his sons, Wiley and Rodney; the Learning Resources Center will be McMullan Hall for the late W. P. McMullan Sr. and his two sons, Paul and Pat, Jr.; and the general classroom building is to be Parker Hall for the late Richard Parker and his son Wayne.

Later that evening, three representatives of those families will be awarded honorary doctorates in recognition of their own achievements in business. They are Rodney Fairchild, Wayne Parker, and W. P. McMullan, Jr.

While celebrating the blessings of 75

years, the college has not overlooked the necessity of planning. Attention has particularly been focused on the college's newest campus, Carey on the Coast, which begins its sixth year of operation this fall.

Various committees have evaluated that campus' academic programs, student services, and physical plant and have made several recommendations to the administration. Some of these recommendations have already been included in plans for Carey on the Coast.

Beginning with the fall semester, core curricula will be taught for the bachelor of science, bachelor of arts, bachelor of science in nursing, master

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## MBMC

## Student retreat set Sept. 1

Mississippi Baptist Medical Center doesn't treat education lightly. The largest general hospital in the state, MBMC is associated with four health-related schools: Medical Technology, Radiologic Technology, Respiratory Therapy and Practical Nursing.

MBMC offers clinical training for registered nurses from various colleges and universities throughout the state. Also, residents from the University School of Medicine do rotations at MBMC. These schools prepare students for professions which involve special skills and aptitudes, and all play an important role in health care.

"Through these schools, students have the opportunity to work not only with educators who are top notch people, but also with leading physicians and expert allied health clinicians," Paul Pryor, MBMC executive director, said. "The programs at MBMC offer good clinical experience resulting in valuable 'hands on' knowledge. There are excellent and well-salaried career opportunities in these fields which provided the tremendous sense of service that comes from helping others."

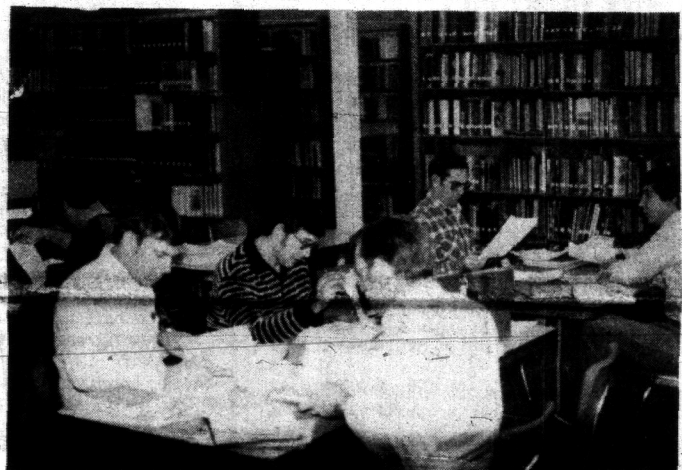
Modern medicine requires a highly trained scientific team of which the medical technologist is a valued member. Physicians look to them for aid in diagnosis and treatment. All medical technology programs approved by the American Medical Association culminate in a baccalaureate degree.

Applicants to this school may already have a baccalaureate degree or may be planning to obtain one as a result of successfully completing the year of clinical education in the hospital.

The school maintains affiliations with Mississippi College and Mississippi State University, which allow the proper transfer of credits for those students who wish to substitute their year in Medical Technology school for their senior year of college. The national registry exam is written shortly after graduation.

The radiologic technologist is special

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The library at William Carey's Gulf Coast campus is the new quarters early this year. Coast students can now take advantage of a nearly four times as large as the temporary one, and the recent addition of solar screens at the windows make it even more comfortable—and save the college money.

## Blue Mountain College

## Prospective students visit on Preview Days

Summer preparation has been hectic, but great expectations and enthusiasm surround the beginning of the 109th annual session at Blue Mountain College.

Dorms will be open August 30 with orientation for new and transferring students the following day. Registration will be September 1 with classes beginning September 2.

Orientation is a time for new students to meet faculty, administrative staff, Student Government and Baptist Student Union Councils. President E. Harold Fisher will preside over the program and make special introductions. The history and pride of BMC will be shared with entering students during this session as well as the new trends for the 1981-82 session.

It has certainly been a busy summer at Blue Mountain College with girls and boys basketball camps for junior high and high school ages, special education classes for educators and special classes for medical professionals. The summer school program was expanded to include courses of interest to adults and proved to be very successful in meeting the needs of these students.

The attitude of the Blue Mountain College Admissions Office is "we have a great Christian college and we want people to know about us." Methods of active recruitment have included receptions for new students in the homes of BMC alumnae, concerts and programs in churches and schools by "The Second Century" ensemble.

Other successful admissions projects have been visits to high schools, churches and student homes to present the new multi-media slide presentation.

A spring luncheon for high school guidance counselors in Memphis was a unique opportunity to expand relationships and update the counselors on innovations for 1981 at BMC.

Many special events were offered last year and will again be offered in 1981-82 for students to visit the cam-

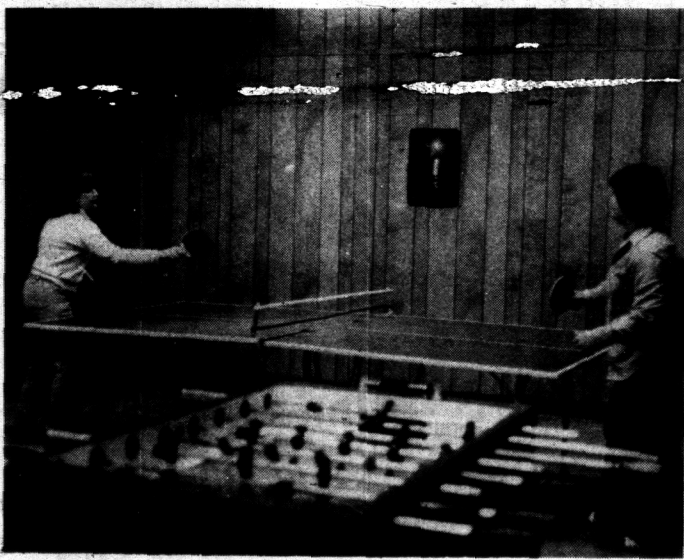
pus. "Preview Days," high school weekend, and individually planned campus visits have continued to be productive in the admissions effort to share BMC with prospective students.

Based on the student response thus far, these efforts have been most productive for 1981 and an enthusiastic admissions team looks forward to registration and the outcome of their year's efforts. "We have plans to continue carrying our message to new parts of Mississippi, Tennessee, Ar-

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The productions by the drama and speech department of Blue Mountain College are some of the best on any college campus. "The Diary of Anne Frank" was one of the productions produced by the department. Musicals and comedies are also very much a part of the total program.



Activities are important in the lives of Clarke College students.

## Merger taking effect

## Clarke offers work in church-related vocations

In November of 1980 the Mississippi Baptist Convention approved a merger between Mississippi College, the oldest and largest private college in the state and Clarke College, the lone Southern Baptist junior college in the state.

The merger, which takes effect in August, 1981, will combine the strength and excellent academic reputation of Mississippi College with the close personal environment of Clarke. Already, new programs are planned which will retain many of the present Clarke students in Mississippi College third year programs.

Clarke has long had a reputation for excellence in training people for church-related vocations. Building on that strength upper level work will be offered in the fields of theology, church music and religious education. In the spring of 1983 the first students should be able to complete a bachelor's degree in these areas.

Ministerial students at the college have been especially supportive of the upper level courses offered. Many with families see the opportunity for completing four years of college without the expense of moving changing schools for their children.

and adjusting to a new school themselves. Others who are pastors in the area see an advantage in being able to say that they will be at Clarke for four years instead of two thus providing a longer stay at their churches.

Also planned for Fall, 1981, are third year programs in the areas of history, English, and education. Interest in upper level work on the Clarke campus has been high for many years.

There are very few opportunities for regular, on campus senior college work in east central Mississippi. There are, however, several junior colleges in the general area. By drawing upon the graduates of these two year colleges, Mississippi College hopes to build viable four year programs in a number of areas on the Clarke College campus.

Many of the present Clarke faculty will begin teaching third year courses in the fall. Their dedication, experience, and education help make them one of the most qualified faculties in the state. Over 50% of the full time instructors hold the highest degree in their field, a figure which is far higher than the rate at public junior colleges.

Lewis Nobles, president of Missis-

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of education, and education specialist degrees.

Although many core courses have been included in past schedules the addition of such areas as biology, chemistry, and foreign languages should greatly enhance the program.

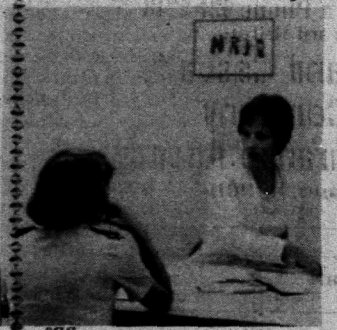
The college will also offer a new major in art on the Coast campus with emphasis in creativity in various media; an interdisciplinary church and/or community activities major; an interdisciplinary pre-law program; new minors in special education and early childhood education; an institute in forensic science and/or police science under the direction of the Division of Continuing Education; and selected courses in conversational Spanish, home economics, theatre, and music.

Later in the upcoming year, feasibility studies will be done to investigate the possibility of offering a master's degree in business administration; offering a major or a minor in church music; and adding a computer component for instructional and administrative functions.

Another phase of planning for the Coast involves student services. To determine specific needs, questionnaires were sent to a sample of a coast students. The survey uncovered one major need—improved academic and financial counseling.

Remedial action has already been taken by assigning specific counseling duties to Coast personnel. It is anticipated that a new position will eventually be created for a full-time counselor.

A new element in the student development program at the Coast campus is a Baptist Student Union designed especially for commuting students. Tom Hearon, director of religious activities, and Walter Brown, religion faculty on the Coast campus,



William Carey's degree-completion program for registered and licensed practical nurses has been one of the most successful at the Gulf Coast campus. Here nursing instructor Cindy Campbell (right) counsels one of her students prior to registration this summer.

Improving the physical facilities at Carey on the Coast has also been a priority this year. Last winter the library was moved into its new accommodations in a former dormitory building.

The new library area is about four times as large as the former site, allowing for considerable expansion of holdings. And new lighting and furniture has made this facility quite attractive and comfortable.

The most recent improvement at the Gulfport campus has been the paving of drives and parking areas. In addition, preparations are already being made to convert two Quonset buildings on campus for use in art and music.

At the Hattiesburg campus, personnel have been seeking new ways to involve the community in Christian Programs, to serve former students more effectively, to enhance academic programs, and to improve administrative efficiency and reduce expenditures.

For example, in January the college sponsored a special conference for single adults. The program included seminars, devotionals, and fellowship, and was planned by various members of the college staff, a number of staff people from area churches, and campus B.S.U. members.

And, in an effort to strengthen the relationship between the college and its alumni, Carey has named its first full-time alumni director. In the past, the Office of Public Relations was responsible for alumni activities. The new alumni director is James Bloomfield, who began his duties July 1.

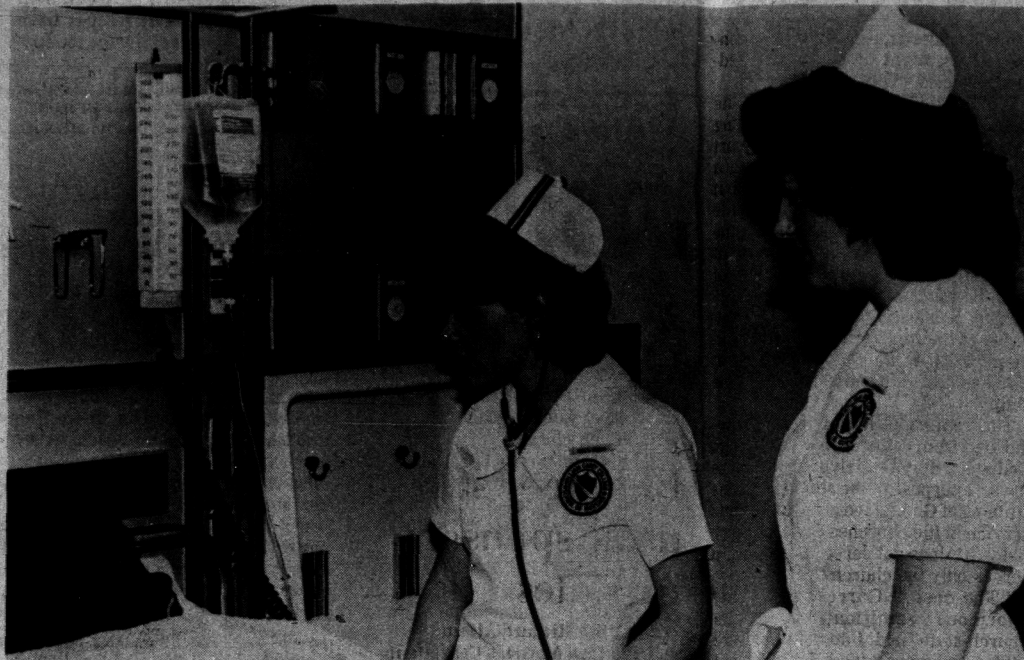
Bringing a wider scope to some of the academic programs has also been a major focus this year. To enhance the Biblical Studies and Church Voca-

tions program, two new appointments have been made in that department. Frank Dawkins, who begins in August, will be charged with developing a thorough church vocations program, and Charlie Boggan will come in January as the department's New Testament scholar.

The Education Department will also be getting a new faculty member. With the growing interest in special education, the college realized the need for a full-time instructor in that area. Pattie Busher will fill that need.

The college is also looking into the feasibility of purchasing a new computer. This will allow a more efficient teaching arrangement for data processing students and will simplify a number of administrative functions by allowing various offices on-line contact with the computer.

In an effort to hold down costs, the college has experimented this summer with a four-day academic week. Classes were held Monday through Thursday, with academic buildings



This fall, William Carey's School of Nursing begins its second year of residence in the nine-million-dollar education

building at Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans. The facility features the most modern classrooms and equipment, including this mock-up of a patient's room.

closed during the three-day weekend. A follow-up study will determine the effect of long class periods on students and faculty, along with the actual savings involved.

Several other faculty and administrative changes and appointments have been made this summer.

Hugh Dickens has been named to succeed Joseph M. Ernest as academic vice-president, and Milton Wheeler will assume duties of the dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. Dickens has been administrative vice-president, and Wheeler was chairman of the history department at Carey.

Also retiring this past year was Helen McWhorter, who for some 25 years was a member of the music faculty. Her successor will be Nancy Lynn Rice. She earned her undergraduate degree at Peabody College and her master's at Juilliard. She will complete her doctorate next summer at the University of Southern California.



One of the major events of William Carey's 75th anniversary celebration this year was the conferral of honorary doctorates to writer Eudora Welty, soprano Leontyne Price, and artist Lucile Parker. Pictured are those who participated in the convocation ceremonies: Mrs. Elise Winter, wife of Governor William Winter; Miss Welty; President Ralph Noonkester; Miss Price; Miss Parker; Mrs. Marjorie Kelly, who gave the convocation address; and Earl Kelly. Miss Parker, chairman of Carey's art department, has recently published a book of her drawings. The book is entitled "Mississippi Wildflowers."

## Clarke College expands athletic program in 1981

Athletics play an important role in the total Clarke College program. In the past two years the athletic department at Clarke has made a 100% turnaround.

Much of the thanks for this positive change must go to Joe Gibbon, Panther baseball coach. Gibbon took the position as coach in the summer of 1979 and immediately began building a quality program that would restore a high level of respectability to athletic activities at the college.

Gibbon displays a comprehensive knowledge of the game which is based on his many years of experience. A basketball All-American and baseball super player at Ole Miss, he set a number of records at the university which still stand. His 14.1 per game rebounding average has never been topped and his total career points record stood until 1980.

Upon graduation Gibbon passed up a contract with the Boston Celtics to play baseball for the Pittsburgh Pirates. As a rookie he pitched in the 1960 World Series and continued playing professional baseball until 1972.

In 1980 he was inducted into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame, thereby

receiving the highest honor the state can bestow on an athlete.

In 1981 Gibbon fashioned a talented group of young players into an aggressive, determined unit of athletes. Playing as scheduled against state supported junior colleges and senior college junior varsities, the Panthers consistently beat teams that represented colleges five, ten, even 20 times larger than Clarke.

They finished the year with a 22-15 mark. As the quality of the Panther Baseball program grows, so does the contagious level of excitement about the 1982 Panthers.

**Athletic program expansion**

1981 also marks the rebirth of basketball at Clarke. Dropped in 1973, officials have given the go ahead nod for the new year. Directing the Panther basketball program will be Tom Prather, former minister of youth and activities at Woodland Hills Baptist Church in Jackson. Prather is a graduate of Baldwin High School and holds the bachelor's and master's degrees from Mississippi College, where he played intercollegiate basketball as an undergraduate. Since June Prather has been working to assure a top quality basketball program at Clarke. He has signed outstanding players from several areas and is putting together a 20 plus game schedule that will pit Clarke against state junior colleges and private colleges in the areas.

Prather stated that he was excited about the possibilities for success at Clarke and said that he anticipated full cooperation and support from the college and community.

Long range plans for the athletic program at Clarke also include women's intercollegiate basketball to be added in 1982. The college has never participated in women's athletics and excitement is high concerning the potential of a new area of intercollegiate competition.

The future for Clarke looks bright as new areas of activity are added to the total program.



We wish to say thank you Mississippi Baptists for making our tomorrows at Blue Mountain College possible by your tremendous support of us through the Cooperative Program.



Dr. Harry L. Lucenay  
Pastor

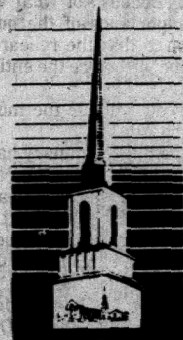
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## Bank-robbing youth pleads guilty to heists

Chauffeur-driver has pleaded guilty to robbing a bank.

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## Israeli troops use attack

No knowledge of such Israeli troop attacks. The Palestinian reports came hours after Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin announced in Jerusalem he had agreed to open contacts with Lebanon to end the cross-border fighting. He spoke with

## Interest rate

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## Strike av 2-cent hike in mail suggested

WASHINGTON (AP) Service reached a tentative agreement with the union Tuesday.

## William Carey College

Hattiesburg

Gulfport

New Orleans

Fall semester begins Aug. 24



## Iran executes 14 more, including a girl in high school



Brian Long, freshman from Mantachie, launches his 13th home run.



# Southwestern to appeal EEOC jurisdiction case

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)—Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary will appeal a federal appeals court ruling which orders it to comply with requests from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC).

The Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans last week overturned portions of a decision favorable to the seminary in its continuing legal battle with the EEOC over whether the federal agency has jurisdiction over the employment practices of the seminary.

In January of 1980, U.S. District Judge Eldon Mahon in Fort Worth ruled in favor of the seminary, saying EEOC does not have jurisdiction over the school and may not seek employment records or enforce federal laws on discrimination.

EEOC filed an appeal to the decision, and last week the federal appeals court ruled, at least partially, in their favor, saying the seminary must comply with the request, in regard to non-faculty and non-academic employees.

"The decision was kind of down the middle," said seminary attorney Jenkins Garrett of Fort Worth. "They held that the seminary is a wholly religious institution and thereby is entitled to the status of a church."

"Then, they held that those who are connected with teaching within the seminary, or who had supervision of teaching, are considered ministers and accordingly are beyond the jurisdiction of the EEOC."

"Then they went on to hold that those administrators and support people who are not quote ministers unquote, are subject to EEOC jurisdiction."

Garrett told Baptist Press: "I have been instructed to file a motion for a rehearing before the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court. Because of what we consider the importance of the question, our motion is that the rehearing be held 'en banc' or before the entire court (12 justices)."

Garrett will file the motion for rehearing Aug. 14.

He said the seminary has "two procedures open to us. We can ask for a rehearing or we can appeal directly to the U.S. Supreme Court. If we are turned down on our request for a rehearing, we can still ask the Supreme Court to review the case."

The case has been underway since May 1977, when the EEOC attorneys filed suit against the seminary, which had refused to divulge records on the grounds it would violate First Amendment rights for separation of church and state.

Garrett said the seminary is acting on behalf of all six seminaries affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention. "EEOC sent a demand for questionnaires (EEOC-6 forms) to all six seminaries and was going to bring suit in all six jurisdictions. We worked out an agreement with EEOC that five of them would file the forms under protest and that Southwestern would not file. The matter would be resolved on both sides on the outcome of the Southwestern case," he said.

The attorney said the implications of the appeals court decision are enormous. "This is the first decision, to my knowledge, that any court has made sanctioning a federal agency invading the operation and administration of a church."

"The implications are that whether it be Catholic, Methodist or Baptist, that EEOC can come in and second guess a pastor as to who he has as his secretary, finance officer, or janitor. It says in effect that a church cannot use commitment of support people as a prime standard of employment."

Seminary President Russell H. Dillard Jr. said the impact extends beyond the seminary. "Up to this point, the implications have been pretty well limited to the seminaries, but the current decision has implication for the entire convention. Other

agencies, boards, as well as local congregations might be invaded by federal agencies."

Dillard said he was "surprised at the inconsistency of the decision," adding that he was "very pleased the court decided in our favor that we are a wholly religious institution . . . but disappointed the court would decide that the federal government has the right to intervene in the employment of people who serve in this function of training ministers."

"Our people, all our people, no matter what their job, are participating in the function of equipping those whom God has called into the ministry," he added.

The seminary, he said, is "distinguished from colleges like Mississippi College or Baylor University because the sole purpose of the seminary is the training of God-called people to go into service in the churches or the mission fields. It does not serve the public; it serves only the church."

"The case," Garrett said, "has enormous ramifications in the church-state field. I do not think it relates to religious education in general, but this is the first case which has given a federal government agency the right to come into a church and dictate what its hiring policies will be. It is disturbing."

## Simpson new editor for Indiana Baptists

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (BP)—David Simpson, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church in New Whiteland, Ind., will become the new editor of the Indiana Baptist newspaper Sept. 1.

Simpson, 31, is chairman of the state convention executive board, was chairman of the editor search committee and was twice vice president of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana.

He is a second generation Indiana Baptist. His father, Walker, was a pastor in the state and Simpson has been preaching since high school.

He was graduated from Oakland City College, near Evansville, and

Southwestern Seminary and received the doctor of ministries degree from Luther Rice Seminary in May. He plans to enroll in journalism courses this fall at the Indianapolis branch of Indiana University.

The Indiana Baptist, a 9,600 circulation weekly, has been without an editor since Feb. 2 when Gene Medaris resigned suddenly following censure by the state convention executive committee.

Simpson has been pastor of churches in Princeton, New Harmony and Palestine, Ind., and Fairview, Texas. He and his wife, Connie, have two sons, Troy, 7, and Michael, 4.

## Foreign missionaries have Mississippi ties



The Hodges

Several persons with Mississippi ties have entered service with the Foreign Mission Board.

James and Stephanie Bethea of Meridian will serve in Lebanon where he will be a student worker and she will be a church and home worker. He is minister of education and activities at Midway Baptist Church, Meridian.

The son of the Ralph Betheas, former missionaries now living in Tulsa, Okla., Bethea grew up on the mission field in Indonesia, Tanzania, and India. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Seminary.

He taught adult education in Louisville, Ky. and served on the staff of Lake Dreamland Baptist Church there. Later he farmed in Edwards, Miss., and was a volunteer Bible teacher at Oakley Training School in Raymond.

Mrs. Bethea, the former Stephanie Ellison, is a graduate of Smith College and Southern Seminary. She taught elementary school music at Raymond. They have two children.

Returning to the mission field by re-appointment are Mack and Marie Jones. He is pastor of First Baptist Church, Ellisville.

He and his wife, the former Marie Martin of Hattiesburg, will be stationed in Mexico City, where he will teach biblical studies at the Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary. They were missionaries to Uruguay 1963-75.

He served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Chatom, Ala., after resigning from the mission field, and went to Ellisville as pastor in 1978.

A Wayne County native, Jones is a graduate of Jones County Junior College, Mississippi College, and earned the master of theology degree from New Orleans Seminary.

Earlier Mississippi pastorates include Montrose Baptist Church, 1951-52; Moss Baptist Church, Moss, 1951-54; and First Baptist Church, McLain, 1954-55.

James and Olive Reppeto of

Lexington, Miss., will serve in Mexico where they will be elementary teachers. Mrs. Reppeto is the former Olive Hundley, born in Drew, Miss. she grew up there and in Yazoo City.

Roland and Linda Hodge of Hattiesburg, Miss., will work in Ecuador where he will be a religious education consultant. He is a native of Magee, Miss., and grew up in Mississippi and Texas. They have three children.

Appointees will spend 12 weeks at Pine Mountain, Ga., beginning in September, for orientation, before going to their fields of service.

## Language Missions Day is Aug. 9

By Richard Alford  
Language Missions Consultant  
Mississippi Baptists offer worship and training opportunities in six languages around the state. Language Missions has the goal of presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ so that people can most readily understand it. Therefore, work has begun in six languages.

Every Sunday missions or churches worship in these languages: Spanish, Choctaw, Vietnamese, Korean, Chinese and American Sign Language of the Deaf.

The Chinese are mostly in the Delta. The Chinese church is in Cleveland with two fellowships in Greenville and Greenwood. Vietnamese and Korean ministries are being conducted in Biloxi.

American Indians are mostly in the east-central and extreme southeastern section of Mississippi. The New Choctaw Baptist Association has thirteen churches, and twelve of them worship in the Choctaw language. The Indian Mission in Pascagoula is in English and serving a multi-tribal Indian community.

Spanish are throughout much of Mississippi. Spanish missions or services can be found in Shelby, Jackson, Morton and Biloxi.

Deaf ministries range from Corinth to Pascagoula and Gulfport, from Meridian to Natchez. Through the use of American Sign Language, the deaf are involved in the ongoing ministries of many regular Southern Baptist churches in the state.

And yet, many are not being reached. Smaller groups of people who speak English as a second language have not been touched. With God's help and through the support of Mississippi Baptists, ways and means will be found to carry the Gospel to these people.

## New Spanish pastor installed at 1st, Biloxi

The installation service for Miguel Gonzalez, new pastor of the Spanish-speaking congregation at First Church, Biloxi, was held on Saturday evening, Aug. 1.

Gonzalez and his family moved to Biloxi from a similar work in Ohio. The installation service featured Paul Vandercook, director of ministries for the Gulf Coast Association; Jerry Estes, vice-moderator for the association; and Frank Gunn, pastor of First Church, Biloxi. Special music was provided by the Williams Boulevard Spanish Baptist Church choir from Kenner, La.

Gonzalez

Gonzalez is a native of Mexico and has been in the United States for several years. He is a member of the First Church, Biloxi, and is active in the community.

## Refugees still need sponsors in states

By Richard Alford  
Language Missions Consultant  
The news media assisted in promoting the plight of refugees in the mid-70's. Many Mississippi Baptist churches and the individuals responded. The need continues.

The refugee camps of Southeast Asia still have a population of more than 150,000 people. These people cannot leave camps until they have someone to sponsor them and assist them in beginning a new life.

Most of these refugees are Vietnamese and Lao. They are provided initial training in English as a second language and orientation to American culture. This is a change from the original refugee problem when no assistance was actually given in the camps.

Today sponsors are still desperately needed for these refugees. Churches, groups and individuals can have a part. The cost is small, and the reward is great.

Basically, refugee sponsorship involves providing housing, clothing, food and cultural adjustment for the first few weeks until a refugee family can get a job and get on its feet.

Further information can be obtained by writing or calling Richard Alford, Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

One of the tests of leadership is the ability to recognize a problem before it becomes an emergency.

## Associational officers to take leader training

Three simultaneous Associational Officers' Training Conferences have been scheduled especially for the convenience of laypersons.

The conferences will all be on Saturday, Aug. 29, so that persons with secular jobs may attend. Many associa-

tional officers are lay persons who work weekdays.

Each of the three meetings is set to begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 12:30 p.m. with a complimentary lunch provided by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The Program Director's office is developing the program.

The three meeting places are First Baptist Churches of Columbia, Carthage, and Oxford.

Separate conferences will be offered for all age group and general officers in Sunday School, Church Training, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood. Also, conferences will be held for directors of missions, moderators, clerks, committee chairmen for missions, evangelism, and Christian Action, stewardship chairmen, church administration coordinators, and church music directors.

## Fowler recovering

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Franklin T. Fowler, medical consultant for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, is recovering from double coronary bypass surgery performed July 24.

Fowler suffered an allergic reaction following surgery, but doctors say his condition is stable. Fowler entered the hospital a week before surgery after experiencing chest pains.

The former missionary to Paraguay and Mexico is responsible for the health care of more than 3,000 missionaries worldwide and assists the board's office of overseas operations in developing health care ministries overseas.

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## Mrs. Clifton Allen dies after illness

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Hattie Bell McCracken Allen, a Baptist educator and writer, died Friday, July 24, in Winston-Salem, N.C., after a long illness.

Mrs. Allen lived in Nashville more than 40 years until 1972 when her husband, Clifton J. Allen retired as editorial secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

She became one of the first women in the Southern Baptist Convention to serve as a minister of education on a church staff when in 1924 she was called to the staff of First Baptist Church, Hartsville, S.C.

In 1926, Mrs. Allen moved to Nashville to become an assistant editor at the Sunday School Board, for which she worked until 1947.

Mrs. Allen, a native of Columbus, Miss., earned the B.S. degree from William Carey College, Hattiesburg, and the B.A. and M.A. degrees from Peabody College in Nashville.

## Men's Rally takes new position

The annual Baptist Men's Rally has been moved from its regular spot the night before the beginning of the Mississippi Baptist Convention in November.

Instead, this year, the rally will take place Friday, Aug. 21. This is designed to enable more laymen to attend the rally at the Mississippi College coliseum in Clinton.

The banquet portion of the rally begins at 5:30. Tickets are \$6 per person. The conference portion begins at 7 with no admission charge.

Tickets may be purchased through the Brotherhood Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205, phone 968-3936.

## Growth meets set

Spiritual Growth Conferences for ministers and their spouses are set for four Mississippi cities in August.

The first will be at Fairview Church, Columbus, Aug. 10; the second at McLaurin Heights Church, Aug. 11; then at First Church, Grenada, Aug. 13; and the fourth at the Associational office in Greenville, Aug. 14.

Contact Leon Emery at the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205, for details, or phone 968-3905.

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## Editorials

### Christian education issue . . .

## Offered with quality and compassion

Christian higher education is under siege today probably as never before. Inflationary costs are affecting private higher education as much as they are any area of American life, governmental agencies are seeking to control as much of private higher education as it is possible for them to do so, and people with selfish interests are seeking ways to use governmental regulations for their own purposes against private higher education through the avenues of the courts.

Christian higher education has proven itself to be worthwhile, however, and Baptists across the nation

have continued to support it as a way of equipping their young people to meet the demands that life will make on them.

This is the annual issue of the *Baptist Record* that is dedicated to Baptist higher education in Mississippi. In this issue we are pleased to call attention to the institutions that Mississippi Baptists have provided in the interests of their young people. In the face of many adversities, these institutions are continuing to serve and to serve well. They are due the commendation and the support of the parents of the young people who pass through their portals

and of Mississippi Baptist throughout the state.

This has been a changing year in the realm of Baptist higher education in Mississippi as one of our institutions has requested a merger with another one in order to continue to serve. That merger is on the verge of culmination, and it may give the smaller institution opportunities that it never had before.

Mississippi's Baptist education institutions have established themselves in our own eyes and in the eyes of the nation as being able to offer an education that reflects quality and compassion. This can come only because of the dedicated efforts of committed people.

Because our institutions are oriented in the ways of Christian principles, a compassion and a concern is to be found in them that would be attractive to families seeking lifetime perspectives for their young people. Quality is not sacrificed, however, and those families can expect that a first-rate education is to be had in the halls of our Baptist institutions.

We salute the people who make it so. They are trustees, administration, faculty, staff members, Education Commission members, and all other others who are engaged in the task of education as carried on by the Baptists of Mississippi.

### Guest Opinion . . .

## The church is still the church

By L. Edward Gandy.

Our church just completed a week-long revival effort in which a number of people professed their faith in Christ. A family of four was baptized into our fellowship because the church is still the church. Sunday School teachers cared and witnessed to this family. Christian men on one of our

church softball teams expressed Christian love and interest in the father of the family as they presented Christ through their life style.

A family of seven will be baptized shortly because the church is still the church. Christian men told them about Jesus. Church members cared enough to visit and invite them to church.

Neighbors who are members of our church brought the children to Sunday School, Church Training, and choir; and our church loved them.

Two years ago a teenager was won to Christ by one of our men. During the revival effort, this young man brought three of his friends to the services. Through his witness and concern they

all accepted Christ.

There are many uncertainties in these days. But some things never change. God is still sovereign. Jesus is still Lord. And the church is still the church.

L. Edward Gandy is pastor of First Baptist Church, Kosciusko.

## Survey tells why students choose BMC

Compiled by Melba Heard

Recently the newly organized Public Relations Department of Blue Mountain College conducted a survey of current students and graduates to determine those things that appealed to them about BMC. These are some of the comments received.

"A contribution is a particular thing given to someone without thought of something in return. Blue Mountain College has made a vast contribution in my life," remarked Ray Burks, sophomore Bible major from Okolona, Miss. "At BMC the ratio of ten to one, faculty to student, gives each student access to the faculty and each faculty member the time to work with students as individuals."

"A graduate of BMC, Joyce Hodges Peters of Myrtle returned to Blue Mountain to pursue a career in business. "Participating in the work study program during my four years in college gave me both added enhancement toward my degree in business, as well as job experience for my career," she said. "When offered a position in the business office, I was truly honored and felt confident of my ability to pursue this challenge because of the quality education I had received. I enjoy my work and everyone has been most encouraging as I made the difficult transition from student to staff member. The interest shown to me as a student has continued as I pursued a career here."

Sherril Lollar, a junior Elementary Education major from Hickory Flat commented, "Blue Mountain is keeping in step with the changing trends in education. The faculty constantly updates to prepare them to adapt their classes to the demands that will be made of teachers in the future. I feel the preparation I make by attending BMC will enable me to be the kind of teacher I want to be."

Wanda McCoy now is an art major at BMC in her sophomore year from Ripley. "I came to Blue Mountain, chose my major and began my education in that field. After a time, I decided that I was very interested in art and wondered if I should pursue this new interest. The encouragement, advice,

and guidance I received from faculty, and staff helped me to make the right decision. The encouragement to venture toward new ideas and the guidance to pursue those ideas are what make this college as contemporary as tomorrow, but the faculty and staff here know how to blend ideas with realism and opportunity to help a student develop those things that enable him to prepare for future career demands."

Billy Cagle, a 1981 graduate in Bible from Decatur, Ala., chose BMC to prepare him for a preaching ministry. "When I felt God's call to the preaching ministry, I felt I must have the finest education possible to prepare for God's work. At Blue Mountain College I received the type of conservative Bible doctrine, practical experience and attention I needed to have," he said. "I could not have gained all of these important assets from any other college. Additionally, the warmth and Christian fellowship of the other ministerial students gave me the lifts and encouragement I needed from fellow students. Friendships made during my four years at BMC with brothers in Christ will last throughout our lives."

"Blue Mountain has contributed so much to the person I am today." As Marla Bell, 1981 president of the BMC Baptist Student Union explains . . . "As I am a rather quiet and non-aggressive person, I probably would have gotten lost in the crowd at a larger college, but at BMC I have been able to develop qualities of leadership and responsibility I never knew I had. I honestly believe that through opportunities such as the Baptist Student Union students are offered so many ways to grow in Christian service while achieving those abilities that will enable them to cope with situations of life."

"Upon arriving two years ago, I wanted to leave, but that period has long passed." Belinda Cheah is from Malaysia and has found not only a new life in America, but a new beginning as a Christian . . . "Blue Mountain is the place that brought me to know Jesus Christ. One can not help but see Him everywhere in the many caring faces of friends at this special place."

"The food is excellent," Terry Ledbetter was quick to remark. A sophomore majoring in Bible, he continued, "but that is not the reason I came to BMC . . . the activities of this college are always more special because of the warmth and friendly spirit of those involved. No matter who you are, you feel right at home here."

Yes, Blue Mountain College is a fine instrument of learning as other colleges, but it is more . . . students, faculty, staff members, dietary personnel, maintenance personnel, housekeeping, no matter what part one plays in the makeup of this institution, he or she is here for one reason; to contribute in every way possible to the spiritual, education, and social growth of each student. Retaining the best from the past with vision for the future gives each student at BMC the best opportunity available for a quality education and the development of a well rounded life . . . Blue Mountain College, a special place for special people.

## President instills pride

By Melba Heard  
Public Relations Director  
Blue Mountain College

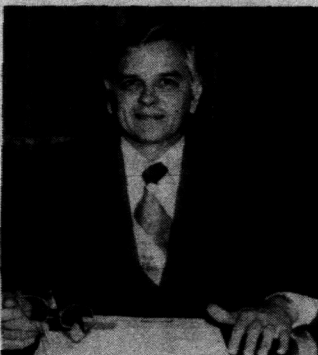
Blue Mountain College is its students, faculty, staff members, but the person who pulls all these groups together, makes the organization work, and instills the Blue Mountain College pride in all is E. Harold Fisher. President Fisher is recognized as one of the most outstanding leaders in higher education in the south, both in private and public institutions.

What makes an education administrator an outstanding one . . . some of the observations made of President Fisher are his dedication to Blue Mountain College and the principles it maintains.

"The institution exemplifies the leadership behind that institution and the accomplishments and advancements Blue Mountain has made and continues to strive for show that President Fisher is a man of integrity, vision and one who can motivate those with whom he works."

But, he is more than the man behind the big desk in the President's Office. He constantly seeks to promote the college in numerous organizations, serving in many capacities that enable him to strengthen his knowledge and abilities in the field of education. He seeks to learn as well as administering education.

How do the students at BMC perceive their president? One student stated, "You would think that because of the President's position and respon-



E. Harold Fisher

sibility he would not have time for students. Dr. Fisher is most different from other college presidents . . . he has time for students; he is concerned for their welfare. He has time to discuss school affairs as well as personal problems, and he always has a word of encouragement to everyone. His personality and wit always brings a smile to those who need a lift. Dr. Fisher and I are friends, he is not unreachable to me."

Whether delivering a chapel address, participating in fall orientation, contributing to the deliberations in a regional education meeting, or taking a walk around the campus with the family of a student, President Harold Fisher exemplifies the fine educational leadership he delivers, but he also exemplifies a capable, a compassionate administrator who is always concerned with the best interest of the total student.

## SGA pursues new ideas

Lisa Lineberger, a senior from Ripley, Mississippi, majoring in education, is the 1981 President of the Blue Mountain College Student Government Association.

BMC has undergone many changes in the area of student government in the past few years. The addition of Becky Briscoe, Dean of Students to the college, has given students the resource person to provide guidance in the area of student relationships and activity.

"I am looking forward to the upcoming year with excitement and en-

thusiasm," states Lisa. This school year will be a great challenge, but with the input of the student body, I feel the Student Government Association will make great strides. This year our council has set a goal for more student involvement. The students are student governed and with the leadership of the Dean of Students, our President, faculty and staff, we feel that we can pursue ideas that will enhance the growth of the students as well as have a meaningful impact on their daily lives while attending this college.

"Blue Mountain College was founded upon high Christian principles. I want those same principles to be the cornerstone of our Student Government Association and uppermost in our minds as we conduct the business of this organization."

## Clarke: total training

By A. C. Johnson, president  
Clarke College

There is a lot of interest currently being shown about the program for this fall, brought about by the merger with Mississippi College.

It is difficult to determine at this time what the enrollment will be; however, the courses offered on the upper level should stimulate a great deal of interest on the Clarke campus this year.

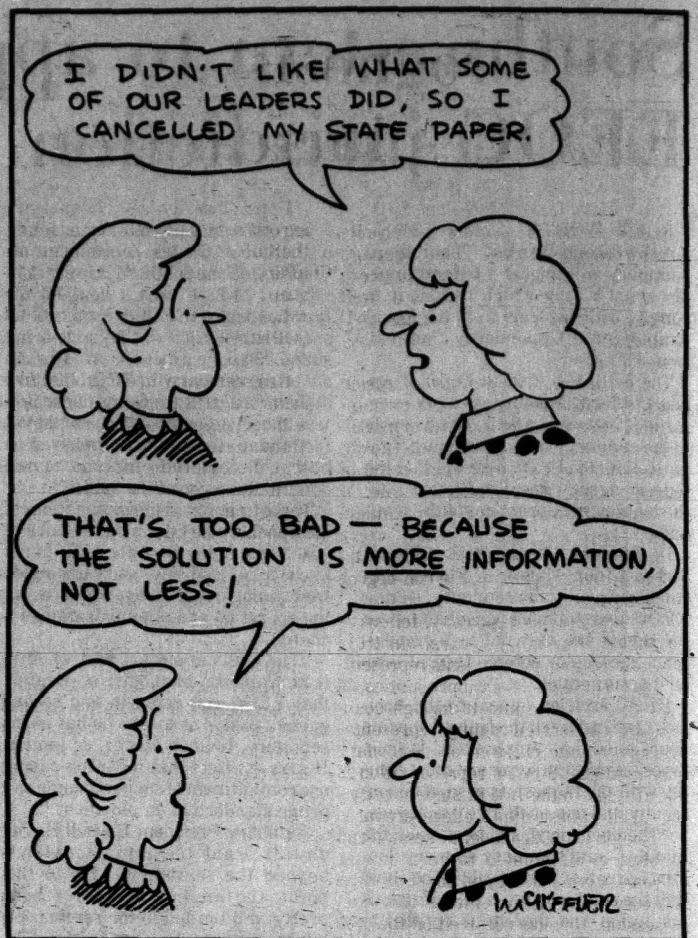
We shall continue to strive for academic excellence in an environment where the name of Christ is at the top of a list of priorities in the total education process.

The training of the mind is imperative, but we should remember that this

would be in vain without the proper attention to moral values and the highest possible development of Christian principles in the lives of those who seek a college education.

Great emphasis must be placed on spiritual growth along with the development and training of the mind. Intellectual development in one's life should take place as satisfactory progress is made toward spiritual maturity. Without the proper recognition of these values, the ultimate results are likely to be disappointing.

It is hoped that the total training of Clarke College students will equip them to become a significant factor in accomplishing the Great Commission given in Matthew 28:19-20.



## Who is studying you?

As this week's issue is a special on education, I've been thinking of schools I attended and, with gratitude, of certain teachers who had a marked influence on my life. And I've been remembering the brief time when I was a teacher.

My certificate was for teaching high school English, but I took a job as fourth grade teacher at Fairfax, Ala., in the fall of 1950 after I was graduated from Judson College that spring.

I loved those 26 children as if they were my own. Yesterday, after seeing only one or two of them in 30 years, I could still list 22 of their names. Disciplining them was not my talent, but we had a marvelous time learning—and playing—together. I probably used the most unorthodox methods of any teacher they ever had. With me—though I tried to keep the fact from them and their parents—it was definitely a process of trial and error.

The days would sometimes seem long; I had to tax my imagination to think of enough projects to fill the hours. On occasion my ideas backfired. One afternoon, I sent them out to gather leaves in a little triangular patch of woods near the playground. They were to collect various types, mount them on sheets of paper, and identify them. Next morning Jan was absent. Her classmates reported, "Jan is in bed today. Her mother said she had to call the doctor because Jan's face and hands are swollen."

"What did the doctor say is wrong with her?" I wanted to know.

"She got some poison ivy leaves yesterday!"

Storytelling time was my most successful time of day, for I liked to tell stories and the kids would sit quietly and listen. I mingled Bible stories with other types. Some days we acted out the stories.

Those who got too wild and rowdy I'd make stand in the hall (so the principal would see them and ask why they were there) or I'd use a paddle given me by another teacher (I didn't hit hard enough, I'll grant you).

Occasionally I assigned poems for the pupils to memorize, as well as the 23rd Psalm, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and other oft-quoted Scriptures. One day Sherry Potts and Mary Ann Combs got so mad

with each other that they had a fight with brooms. I kept them after school to talk with them about how important it is to love each other as Jesus loved us and to live by the Golden Rule. I learned that this type of counseling worked better than scolding.

The following year at midterm I resigned to enter Southwestern Seminary, but I have retained always a special fondness for fourth and fifth grade children.

Early this year I saw in a Foreign Mission Board news release the address of Gene and Janice Covington, missionaries to Ghana. "She is the former Janice Wilson of Fairfax, Ala.," the release said. I wrote to ask if she were the same Janice I taught in fourth grade. Her reply furnished one of my life's most rewarding moments:

"Yes, I'm the real Janice! . . . It is hard to say how I got to Africa. I honestly don't know of any single event or person who is responsible. You share the responsibility because you were a very positive Christian witness during my formative years. As I was writing my life history for appointment I had to remember . . ."

Her husband is pharmacist at the hospital at Nalerigu, Ghana, and she is in charge of housekeeping at the hospital. She said, "We are the only medical facility for hundreds and hundreds of people. It has been a very fulfilling ministry and we have been exactly where the Lord would have us be . . . Their daughters, Karen, 16, and Julie, 13, have been in school in the capital city of Accra."

I'm certainly not setting myself up as an example of good influence, but Janice's letter reminded me that whether we are promoting the right or the wrong, somebody is taking note.

Jerry Vardaman in *The Harrisburg Herald* pointed out that "the main version (of the gospel message) which people of the world read today is the version written by each of us as God's children . . . The 'version' of the Bible which your neighbor reads in your life becomes the 'Authorized Version' for him."

Ye are our epistles, written in our hearts, known and read of all men . . . (II Cor. 3:2).

## Pull the plug

Editor:

On July 10 I read an article in the (Jackson) *Clarion-Ledger* with the headline "Pastor zaps fear of God into pupils." The article stated that a Baptist minister is using a homemade "electric stool" that is wired to a 12 volt battery with a screen placed over the seat of the stool, to shock his Bible students into listening to the word of God.

I was not sitting on an "electric stool" but the shock was immense at hearing the method of teaching that this minister is using.

When God sends us out to witness and teach his word, I do not believe he means for us to use scare tactics. I also am of the Baptist religion; but even more important, I am a child of God and believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior, and the only shock it took was that of the Holy Spirit to make me listen and want to learn more of God's Holy Word. And that shock was one of forgiveness, love, and caring; and the only fear is that I am unworthy of such a great love.

I believe the method this man is

using to the mentally and physically dangerous. And such action as read by the public, who do not know that methods such as these are not used by other Baptist ministers, are only being driven farther away instead of being drawn closer to God.

I pray that someone with the ability to do so will pull the plug on Rev. Dwight Wymers "electric stool" and that we all will be more conscious of what and how our children are being taught.

Mrs. Donna Burmaster  
Jackson

Windhoek, South West Africa—Southern Baptist missionary Charles Whitson and South West African pastor Edmund Kandume are examining the possibility of starting Baptist mission work in the Caprivi, a strip extending from the northeast corner of South West Africa and touched by Angola, Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe. On a recent trip to that area, the two men met on three evenings with 19 to 25 people interested in a starting a Baptist church. Whitson and Kandume plan to return to seek local authorities' permission to start Baptist work in the area.



# MC prognosis includes increase

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size of the freshman class, but also its intelligence level. "The average American College Test (ACT) score for entering freshmen places us well above the national average and considerably above the state ACT average," says Lee.

During the 155th academic session which will close with summer commencement on Aug. 8, Mississippi College showed a total 12-month enrollment of 4,043 students, with 2,256 of these being female and 1,787 male. Of the 4,043 total, 2,095 were undergraduate students, 1,597 were graduate students, 221 were law students, and 130 were special non-degree students.

The 1980-81 student body, following tradition through the years, was truly cosmopolitan with students representing 79 of the 82 Mississippi counties, 39 of the 50 states and 18 foreign countries. The foreign country representatives include children of missionary appointees. Similar representation is expected in the 1981-82 student body.

While Mississippi College prepares to begin its 156th academic session and what is anticipated to be a banner year, it can reflect and boast of some noteworthy achievements this past session. Reports received on the 1980 School of Nursing graduates showed that a remarkable 100 percent of those who did all of their baccalaureate work at Mississippi College passed the state test pool exam of the State Board of Nursing. Including those who transferred in from other programs the pass rate was 82 percent, the highest pass rate of any baccalaureate nursing program in the state.

Mississippi College had 17 recent students admitted to medical school this past year and another six admitted to dental schools. Over the past six years 74 percent of the Mississippi College students who have applied to medical or dental schools have been accepted.

In the area of religion, Jack Glaze, chairman of the Division of Religion, reports that 25 graduates from his division will be entering seminary this fall. Twenty Mississippi College students were appointed as summer missionaries to 13 states and two foreign countries. The College has consistently provided one of the largest groups serving in student summer missions posts of any institution in the Southern Baptist Convention.

## Orientation

Saturday, Aug. 22, will mark the official beginning of the 156th academic session and the 131st as an agency of the Mississippi Baptist Convention as new students report in for a special orientation program starting at 1 p.m. with registration in the A. E. Wood Coliseum.

The afternoon session will begin with a convocation with parents and students beginning at 1:30 p.m., followed by academic advising of students under the direction of Phil McCarty, professor of religious education.

Also included will be informational talks on the business office, the campus bookstore, and the post office.

After enjoying dinner in the college cafeteria with their parents, the new students will attend an evening session which will deal with "Life On A College Campus." This session will acquaint students with what they can expect as new collegians.

There will also be an introduction of student leaders, an orientation overview, and a movie on the patio of the B. C. Rogers Student Center.

Sunday will be filled mostly with church services at the various churches located throughout the greater Clinton area. The students will be urged to attend the services of their choice. The Lewis Nobles, president and first lady of the College, will welcome the newcomers with an "Open House" in their home from 2:30-5 p.m. on Sunday.

The First Baptist Church of Clinton is planning a special service and fellowship at their facilities directly across the street from the campus on Saturday night.

Orientation will continue on Monday at 9 a.m. in Nelson Auditorium with an opening session entitled "What College Life Is All About." This will be followed by academic advising and class scheduling of both freshmen and transfer students.

Academic advising will continue throughout the afternoon, concluding with a social on the patio of the Student Center at which time the Baptist Student Union leadership will be introduced.

## Registration

Freshmen will meet for a general session at 8 a.m. on Tuesday in Nelson Auditorium, while the remainder of the morning will be filled with special activities. At 1 p.m. Tuesday, freshmen and transfers will begin the actual registration process, reporting in time segments alphabetically according to the first letter of their last names. The schedule will be: A-G, from 1-2 p.m.; H-P, from 2-3 p.m.; and Q-Z, from 3-4 p.m. Registration will take place in the B. C. Rogers Student Center.

To close out the Tuesday agenda there will be a party for transfer students beginning at 7 p.m. on the Student Center patio under sponsorship of the Baptist Student Union.

Upperclassmen will begin registering on Wednesday, Aug. 26, at 9 a.m. in the Student Center according to the following schedule: SENIORS—A-L, 9-10 a.m.; M-Z, 10-11 a.m.; JUNIORS—A-L, 1-1:45 p.m.; M-Z, 1:45-2:30 p.m.; SOPHOMORES—A-L, 2:30-3 p.m.; M-Z, 3-3:30 p.m.

Graduate and undergraduate students attending Evening School only will register in the Student Center on Monday, Aug. 24, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Necessary forms may be picked up in the foyer of Nelson Hall prior to reporting for registration. Evening School registration will continue until 6:30 p.m.

Fall registration for the School of Law will be held on Thursday, Aug. 20, with students reporting in from 1:30-4:30 p.m. for advisement from faculty members at the new School of Law facilities located at 148 East Griffith Street located in downtown Jackson.

Registration for day and night law school students will be held from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the School of



The Trading Post, the book and supply center on the Mississippi College campus, is one of the busiest locations at the start of every school year. Here, left to right, students Lynda Byars, Maben; Sherry May, Brandon; and Jenny Turner, Columbia, check out one of the books they will be using on one of their courses for the fall semester.

Law building. Law classes will begin on the regular schedule on Monday, Aug. 24.

All graduate and undergraduate classes will begin on the regular schedule on Thursday, Aug. 24. Classes will not meet on Monday, Sept. 7, because of the Labor Day holiday.

## Activities Galore

In order to give the newcomers a chance to become better acquainted with one another and with the College family in general, a variety of activities is planned throughout the first few weeks of school involving the students, faculty and administration.

# Prospective students visit on Blue Mountain preview days

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kansas, and Alabama, as well as continuing to build on the contacts made in recent years," states new Admissions Director, Marcia Woodward.

This year, students come from as far away as Colombia, South America and Malaysia, but they all have one thing in common. They are dedicated and committed to the principles and goals set forth by Blue Mountain College.

BMC encourages students to visit the campus at any time, or for some of the special events planned for the coming year. Information on these special programs may be obtained by writing or calling the Admissions Office, Blue Mountain College, telephone (601) 685-4161.

Many programs have been expanded and renewed during the past few years at BMC, and the 109th session will continue this effort. One of the new programs established this year was a business education job training program.

Two Blue Mountain College students majoring in business will be returning to BMC in the fall with new perspectives on the world of work and a new appreciation for the educational preparation they have received and continue to seek at BMC.

These students have participated in a summer internship program acquiring job experience, money and college credit while working with Federal Express in Memphis, Tennessee.

Jo Ann Blake and Gwyn Wise of Ackerman participated in the program under the supervision of Mrs. Martha Fisher of the BMC Department of Business. As they come back to school, Jo Ann and Gwyn will make an enriched contribution to the classes in which they enroll by sharing their work and educational experiences of the summer with fellow students.

Responding to the continuing education needs of the nursing and medical professions in North Mississippi, Blue Mountain College is continuing to offer evening and Saturday classes in the sciences under the direction of James Flatt. Other continuing education classes are offered throughout the year to enhance earning potential and the quality of life of the adult population in North Mississippi.

As has been the case for the past three years, outstanding freshmen students will be given the opportunity to participate in the intellectually stimulating Freshmen Honors Program under the direction of Betty Hearn of the Department of English. The theme this year will be "Great Films From Great Books." While the film series, along with the books they are made from, provides the content core for the Honors Program, all interested students and faculty have an opportunity to view the films. This program has proven valuable not only in the development of exceptional students, but has been successful in helping to retain gifted students.

There are two additions to the Blue Mountain College faculty this session... JoAnn Belk and Bart Shanklin. Belk, a native Mississippian, holds her doctorate degree from Mississippi State University and will be responsible for the Secondary Education Program.

James Barton (Bart) Shanklin, who is joining the Music Department faculty, is a teacher of voice and choral music. He is a native of Martin, Tenn., received his undergraduate degree in music from Union University, and his master's degree in music from Florida State University.

The main purpose of Guyton Library at Blue Mountain College is to serve the academic needs of the college, but it also serves the entire college community and in a limited way the citizens of the town of Blue Mountain and Tippah County.

Administered by Miss Carolyn Mounce and her assistant, Mrs. Lucille Travis, the library is available 66 hours during the week. Librarians and faculty members consistently work to maintain a viable, quality collection to meet the needs of the college community. The library will have a

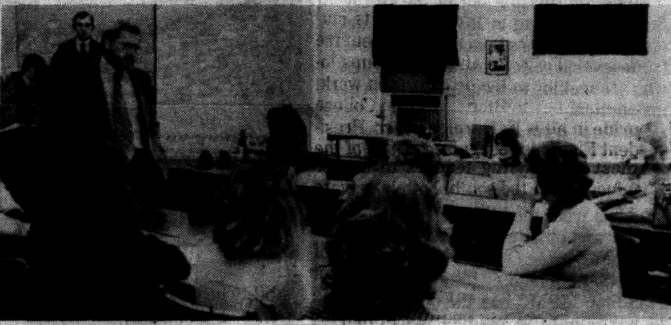
new look to returning students this fall with a newly decorated reference area and exterior landscaping.

Having selected the theme, "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God," the Baptist Student Union will aim to help

new requirements for teacher certification on September 1, 1981. Blue Mountain College has adjusted its course offerings to meet the needs of its teacher education fields and meet these new qualification requirements.



Memorable events are a daily part of student life. BMC's contemporary Christian group "The Second Century" performs for new students at the Paschal Student Center.



At Blue Mountain College one is not just another number, but a person. Each faculty member knows the student's personal concern directs the student toward professional growth and individual achievement.

students grow spiritually as they grow mentally and socially during the school year. The BSU provides students with regular Bible study programs and worship experiences, as well as many opportunities to use their gifts and talents in ministry. Students will serve through the BSU revival teams, puppets, drama and mime teams, and music groups.

The Blue Mountain students are much involved in the state BSU activities. Many will attend the state BSU convention and Leadership Training Conference. Beginning her junior year at BMC, Laura Fisher will serve as secretary of the state BSU Executive Committee. The BMC Mime Team will also be featured at the state convention in Columbus this year.

The BSU fall retreat at Wall Dorey State Park will focus on personal Bible study methods. The retreat will be led by Stoney Shaw, associate pastor responsible for discipleship and evangelism for the Parkway Baptist Church in St. Louis, Mo. This proves to be an exciting and challenging time for BSU participants.

Blue Mountain students are very committed to missions. This year 14 students from Blue Mountain College served as summer missionaries.

In addition to these, the Blue Mountain College BSU sent two students to do mission work for six weeks in Canada. These two worked with the Jim Bullis family and the Highland Baptist Chapel in Burlington, Ontario, the same place eleven BMC students worked during their spring break this year. A return trip is also planned for the coming year.

During the 1980-81 school year, Blue Mountain College students gave more than \$6,000 to student missions, and will strive to continue or increase their goal for 1981-82. This money will help finance a rural development project in North Brazil. The money is collected during Baptist Student Union World Hunger Week and students place special emphasis on the week by sometimes sacrificing food themselves as a reminder of the hunger situation in some parts of the world.

A mission emphasis week will feature Mary Frank Kirkpatrick, missionary to Liberia and Blue Mountain College alumni.

Since the State Department of Education of Mississippi will be adopting



John Travis (left) and Hal Fisher, both from Blue Mountain College, will be serving the Mississippi College Student Body Association this school year as vice-president and president respectively. They have just reviewed the orientation schedule to make sure everything is in readiness for the influx of new students who will be coming to the campus on Saturday, Aug. 22 for orientation.

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## Clarke offers

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Mississippi College, indicated that "the Clarke campus may well serve as an extension center for graduate level work in various academic areas for those who are interested and live in the geographical area served by Clarke."

Nearly one third of the 3,000 plus students at Mississippi College hold graduate status and it is through an outstanding graduate program that the college hopes to reach out to the professional, business, and educational communities of east central Mississippi.

Gradually, what emerges is the picture of a college in east central Mississippi that is large enough to meet the needs of freshmen, sophomore, and upper division students, as well as the needs of professionals in the community. It will be a college centered around the belief that education from Christian perspective is the only kind of education that prepares one for life. This belief will be practiced in the classroom, on the athletic field, and in the dormitory.

## Spinal injury becomes witness

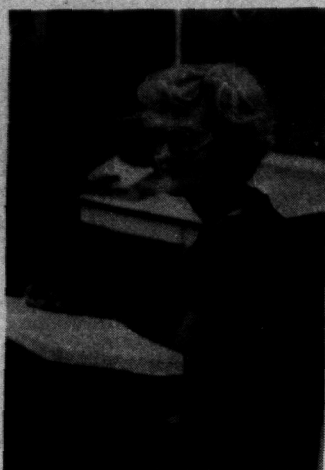
SALZBURG, Austria (BP)—Spending most of her summer mission term in Salzburg, Austria, in a body cast wasn't the way Denise Duck had envisioned sharing her faith.

On July 14, the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary student awoke to the odor of smoke in her apartment, jumped from her second story bedroom window and suffered a spinal injury. She is expected to be in her body cast eight weeks.

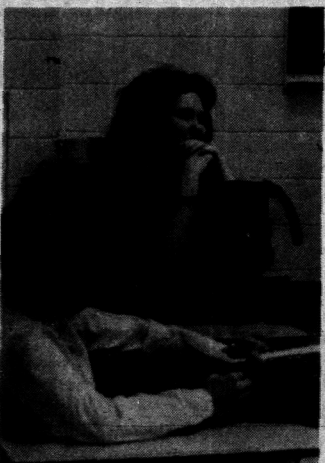
Later, as she lay in her hospital room and reflected upon her experience, Duck told an Austrian newspaper reporter, "I thank God for saving me."

A picture of the Fort Worth, Tex., woman, the fire story, and her witness appeared the next day in the Salzburg area newspaper, New Kronen Zeitung.

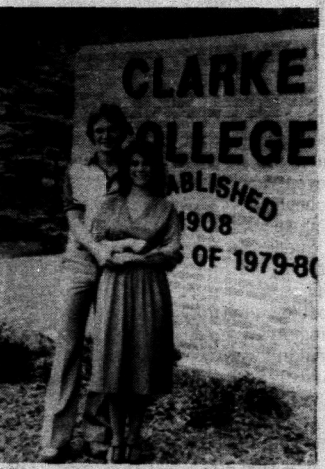
Candy Wagner, an MK (missionary kid) and a physical education major at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, was spending the night with Duck when the fire broke out. Wagner first jumped to safety without injury, but Duck apparently struck a concrete walk as she jumped.



Mary Jayne Myers, Chairperson, Division of Sciences, directs students in Allied Health Programs.



Small classes, concerned faculty—a way of life at Clarke.



Patricia Brady and Mike Hollifield, 1981 Most Beautiful and Most Handsome pose in front of the college sign.

## Student retreat set Sept. 1 at Baptist Medical Center

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fically trained to assist a radiologist in radiological (commonly known as x-ray) procedures. He or she is invaluable in the technical aspects which aid in the diagnosis and treatment of the patients.

The applicant must have a strong math background and have scored 15 or above on the ACT. He or she must be at least 18 years old and have a high school education or the equivalent.

After passing the registry exam at graduation, the radiologist receives the title RT (ARRT). This means he or she is a radiologic technologist with the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

Respiratory Therapy is an allied health specialty which is concerned with the treatment, management, control and care of patients with deficiencies and abnormalities associated with respiration. Entrance into the school, which is affiliated with Hinds Junior College, requires a high school education or the equivalent.

The applicant must have an ACT score of at least 15 and must have scored at least 15 on the math section of the ACT. He or she must also achieve a select test score for respiratory therapists on the general aptitude test battery administered by the State Employment Service.

Nurses are, of course, an essential part of the health team. The Practical Nursing program located at MBMC is a part of Hinds Junior College. This is a one-year program for ages 18 to 55 with a high school education or the equivalent. To be eligible for admission, one must have acceptable scores on a nursing aptitude test administered by the State Employment Service. Program graduates write an examination administered by the State Board of Nursing Examiners. Other nursing students seeking a two-year degree (A.D.) at Hinds Junior College also do part of their clinical training at MBMC.

To acquaint students with these schools, MBMC plans to host a Health Careers Day for high school juniors and seniors, junior college, college and university students. The Health Careers Day is tentatively scheduled for late October. The event will be publicized as soon as a date is confirmed.

Since the phasing out of the Gilfoy School of Nursing in 1971, MBMC has offered affiliations to nursing students from several colleges and universities who are seeking to secure their clinical instruction.

Students from Mississippi College, along with their clinical instructor, are assigned to MBMC during various rotations throughout the year, as are students from the University Medical Center and other schools of nursing in the state.

In another on-going program of long standing, MBMC has the opportunity to participate in medical education and rotations in specialty areas at the University School of Medicine. MBMC presently has medical residents affiliating in medicine, surgery and orthopedics.

Along with the educational opportunities and up-to-date clinical experience, MBMC emphasizes spiritual enrichment. MBMC's Baptist Student Union Director Kathy Bearden takes an intense interest in the students and

their education programs.

"All the students will have arrived by August 17," Miss Bearden said. "On September 1, we will have a retreat at Rice Acres so everyone will have an opportunity to get acquainted. Mr. Pryor and Lu Harding, MBMC's assistant administrator, will be there."

"The retreat is a lot of fun," Mrs. Hardin said. "It gives us an opportunity to get to know the students, and it's good to let them know that they have our support, that we think the educational programs are a vital part of the hospital."

Throughout the year students will have the opportunity to be involved in Bible studies. Jo Flowers of Clinton will lead a daytime Bible study once a week, and Marjean Patterson, WMU executive director, will lead a night Bible study.

Also, with the use of Calvary Baptist Church's gym, an active recreational program will offer fun and fellowship.

"In October we plan to go back to Rice Acres for a testimony service

which will be led by the students," Miss Bearden said. "This was very successful last year."

Chester Swor will be the featured speaker on November 30 and December 1. At Christmastime the students will carol throughout the hospital and also visit the Baptist Children's Village.

"This is what we've planned right now," Miss Bearden explained. "We are still in the process of planning for this year. Connie Hardison, the BSU president and a senior radiology student, is already proving to be an effective leader. This is going to be a great year!"

For more information concerning MBMC's health-related schools contact Kathy Bearden at 968-5144, or write her in care of Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, 1225 North State Street, Jackson, Miss., 39201.

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## Revival Dates

Evergreen Church, Louisville: Aug. 9-12; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Wed. at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Olyn Roberts of Morgan Chapel Church (Oktibbeha), evangelist; Wayne Fults, pastor.

Society Hill, near Oak Vale: Aug. 9-14; at 7:30 p.m.; Tony Trunnell of Memphis, Tenn., evangelist; Sidney Buckley, formerly of Bunker Hill community and now of Easley, S.C., bringing special music; Ray Henry, pastor.

Linwood Church (Neshoba): Aug. 9-14; Centennial celebration Aug. 9; evangelist, Kenneth Jones; Hubert Greer, guest song leader; services 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; dinner will be served Aug. 9; and special singing will follow; Tommy Anderson, pastor.

Little Bahala Church: Aug. 9-14; Mike Ramage of Fair River Church (Lincoln), preaching evangelist; Richard and Betty Cowart of Macedonia Church (Lincoln), singing and music evangelists; Sun, Aug. 9, regular Sunday morning service with dinner on the church grounds at noon; and afternoon singing and preaching (no Sunday night service); services during the week at 7:30 p.m.; Ray J. Coward, pastor.

Mars Hill (Winston): Aug. 9-14; W. B. Boatner, evangelist; Jeff Creetmore, minister of music; Murphy Creek (Winston), leading singing; services 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m.; E. C. Tucker, pastor.

Ebenezer Church (Tate): Aug. 2-7; at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Eddy Prince, pastor of Oak Grove, Hernando, evangelist; Clay Moore, minister of music at FBC, Senatobia, singer; accompanists, Mrs. Brenda Parker, Mrs. Helen White and Alicia Castillo; Claude Lazenby, pastor.

Emmanuel Church, Jackson: August 9-13; David Cranford, pastor Southern Hills Church, Jackson, evangelist; Ernie Albritton, leading the singing; guest vocalists Sunday p.m. Sidney Green, Monday Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Bilbo, Tuesday Ron Sennett, Wednesday Karl Byrd, Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Danny Brock; services Sunday 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; week nights 7:30; Frank Mixon, pastor.

### VBS at Beulah

Vacation Bible School at Beulah Church, near Lexington will be Aug. 10-14 at 8:30-11 each morning. All the children in the Beulah Community are encouraged to attend, said Carlton McNeer, pastor.

Hebron (Yazoo): Aug. 9-14; Leroy Callihan of Yazoo City, La., evangelist; Leon Giddings, Yazoo City, song leader; Sunday, Aug. 9, homecoming day with dinner on the grounds; services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Fri. at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Bill Hutto, pastor.

Ludlow (Scott): Aug. 9-14; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; week-day services at 7 p.m.; James Love, evangelist; Pat McLellan, directing music; Tommy Bufkin, pastor.

Grace Church, Laurel: Aug. 2-7; services at 7:30 p.m.; Maurice Flowers, Jones County director of missions, evangelist; Mac Parker, pastor.

Arm Church (Lawrence): Aug. 9-14; Robert Dunn, pastor of Carmel Church, Monticello, evangelist; Earnest Rials, Goss, song leader; L. C. Anthony, pastor; services at 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

Goodwater (Lauderdale): Aug. 9-14; at 7:30 nightly; Leon Adams, pastor of Oak Grove Church, Meridian, evangelist; Billy Whitaker, pastor.

Crosby Church (Mississippi): Aug. 9-14; Lamar Pickens, pastor, will be doing the preaching; Fred Humes, minister of music of Crosby will be leading the singing; services 7:30 p.m.

Beulah Church, near Lexington: Aug. 9-15; Carlton McNeer, pastor, Oak Grove Church, Mendenhall, leading the meetings in preaching. The artistry of fluorescent chalk drawings will be used to highlight the message during several of the meetings; Donald Byrd of Howard, worship leader through music; services set 7:30 p.m. There will also be a youth fellowship Wednesday night after the church service.

Palestine Church, near Harrisville: Aug. 2-7; at 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; Terry Runnels, evangelist; Sammy McDonald, music director; H. C. Bailey, pastor; dinner on the grounds Sunday followed by an afternoon service.

Pass Christian Mission: first revival; Aug. 6-9; V. L. Stanfield, professor of preaching, New Orleans Seminary, evangelist; services Thurs.—Sat. at 7 p.m. and Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.; Michael Hutchinson, pastor. The mission, sponsored by Long Beach First Church, is temporarily meeting at Pass Christian.

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**Darlove Church** near Hollandale will hold homecoming day Sunday, Aug. 9, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Eugene Wigley, pastor, will begin the morning message. Dinner will be served in the fellowship hall. An afternoon song service will follow the meal.

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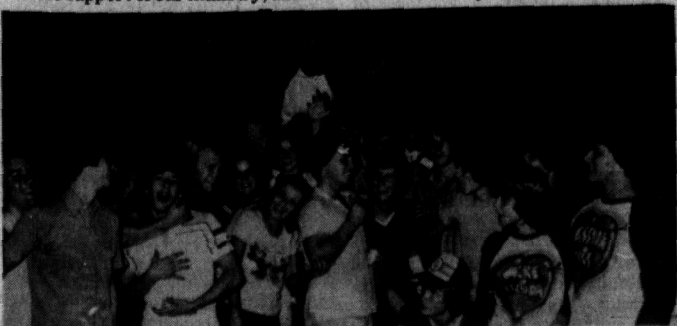


"String Art" was a popular craft under the direction of Summer Missionary Lisa Smith.



Summer Missionary Sheryl Griffin and Village children gather during Bible story time.

Presently, hundreds of families throughout Mississippi have opened their homes and their hearts to Village young people for this time of summer vacation. We are thankful for this very visible support of our ministry, and we greatly appreciate the genuine Christ-like attitude that prompts this kind of giving. Hosts for this summertime holiday and our two-week holiday at Christmastime add a beautiful facet to the ministry of childcare.



## Life Line

"Life-Line" was a youth lab on campus led by Briarwood Drive Baptist Church Youth Director Lee Shaw recently. These sessions are a time of evaluation, commitment, and spiritual renewal for many young people. These young people gathered for fellowship after one of the sessions.

“WHAT DID YOU DO WHEN YOU WERE A SUMMER MISSIO-

TO HAVE A SUMMER MISSIONARY? Now has been the theme for Sheryl Griffin, Picayune, Ms., and Lisa Smith, Sontag, Ms. Our summer missionaries have been busy serving as Vacation Bible School workers, leading in Bible study groups, conducting arts and crafts time, riding inner-tubes down the Bogue Chitto, ironing tablecloths for campus gatherings, judging athletics events, keeping books for ball games, using special "moments" to spontaneously witness and minister, lifeguarding, skating, and, most of all, being constantly alert to and willing to help in the life of any of the children that live on this mission field where they are spending their summer. We are indeed grateful that they shared their lives with us and for the impact that they have had on the lives of Village children and young people.

Under the coordination (and energies) of Recreation Director Bob Catlett, this summer has been "brimful" of activities for Village residents. Fishing trips to "the pond," weekly movies, skating, trips for ice cream, water-sliding, bowling, swimming, softball, volleyball, and river-tubing are but a few. Certain mornings have included "survival information" for the young men as they learned to handle bank accounts, job information, and even basic cooking skills while the teenage girls have spent many hours doing beautiful needlework and developing special talents in that area. A full summer indeed!



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## Sufficiency of Christ's sacrifice

By Lewis Sewell, pastor  
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Hebrews 10:1-39

With Chapter 10 the author brings his theological discussion to a close and turns to more practical matters. In this chapter the writer begins his practical section by pointing out that Christ's sufficient sacrifice provides a basis for both confidence and challenge.

### I. The inadequacy of animal sacrifices (10:1-4).

The sacrifices of the old covenant, though many, were inadequate. Christ's sacrifice, though one, was fully adequate. The sacrificial system of the old covenant reminded the Israelites of sin and revealed the need of atonement.

If the worshipper had been truly cleansed from his sins, he "should have had no more conscience of sins," and there would be no further need of sacrifice. The repetition of sacrifice indicated that consciousness of sins remained.

### II. Christ's sacrifice a fulfillment of God's will (10:5-10)

The writer quoted Psalm 40:6-8 and indicates the priority of obedience over sacrifice is a suitable expression of Christ's attitude. The author prefers the reading "a body hast thou prepared me" to the original Hebrew "ears hast thou digged for me." Ex. 21:6 and Deut. 15:17 refer to the boring of a slave's ear. If after seven years' service he preferred to remain permanently with his master, the bored ear was a symbol of his willing obedience.

In the context of this passage death is associated with God's command. Since a human body was the only instrument that could truly meet the needs of the situation, a body was prepared to Christ.

Jesus' submission to the will of the Father was not only an act of time but was also a process of eternity. A twofold action of God was necessary before Christ could fulfill the Father's will. A body must be prepared (v. 5) and the old system must be taken away or deprived of its validity. Before the incarnation Christ had knowledge of the ineffectiveness of the sacrificial system of the law. He also knew that the fulfillment of the will of God meant suffering and death. He was willing and ready to offer himself as a sacrifice for sins to carry out the redeeming will of God. The incarnation was a necessary means to an end, and the

end was the putting away of the sin of the world by the offering of the body of Christ.

### III. Christ's sacrifice final (10:11-18).

To emphasize further the superiority of Christ's one sacrifice on the cross over the many sacrifices of the Jewish priests, an impressive contrast is made between the position of Christ and that of the Levitical priests. The earthly priests were not allowed to sit during their daily ministrations—their work being unfinished. But Christ, the great High Priest, sits on the throne having completed the work He came to do.

In verse 14 there is a contrast between the law with its priesthood and many sacrifices which failed to bring perfection and the one offering of Christ which had done all that is required. Through faith this perfect work becomes a living and effective reality in those "that are sanctified," i.e. in those whose moral and spiritual experience is still progressing to its full realization.

### IV. Christ's sacrifice a basis for confidence (10:19-25).

The writer passes from argument to earnest exhortation. The effectiveness of Christ's work of sacrifice is in the liberty of the believer to enter God's presence in contrast to those under the old covenant who had no direct access to God. The believer can approach the holiest not only without fear and trembling but with full assurance that "by the blood of Jesus" he will be graciously received by the Father.

The writer urges his readers to persevere in their faith. Some believers were inclined to turn away from their belief in Jesus and to return to Judaism. This was because of the persecution of Christians and the acceptance of Judaism as a legal religion. A powerful persuasive encouragement to Christian fidelity is "for he is faithful that promised." Mastery of the true significance of the faithfulness of God to his glorious promises should strengthen the Christian's faithfulness to confession to hope in the Lord Jesus Christ.

With the phrase "provoke unto love and good works" the writer indicates the Christian's attention is not to be centered wholly on his own individual salvation. The Christian belongs to the body of Christ and has certain responsibilities to the other members.

In the context of verse 25 the phrase "the day approaching" refers to the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70. The political disturbances of the writer's

time was strong evidence of its rapid approach. Yet "the day," which is the regular term for the day of the Lord, cannot be limited to the catastrophe of AD 70 but includes also the parousia which is ever drawing near. It was not so obvious to the early Christians that the parousia and the destruction of Jerusalem were not the same.

### V. Christ's sacrifice a basis for warning (10:26-31)

In verses 26-31 the danger of neglecting the Christian assemblies is vividly brought out. Such neglect may lead to a forsaking of the Christian Church and a renunciation of the Christian faith. This may be followed by utter contempt of the Son of God and the Spirit of grace.

The reference taken from Deut. 17:2-7 (v. 28) refers to those who were guilty of the sin of idolatry. They denied the validity and the authority of certain divine ordinances when they transferred their worship from Jehovah to foreign gods. On the ground of the evidence of two or three people they were condemned and no mercy was shown to them. How much greater is the sin and punishment of one who abandons Jesus? The reference is to an apostate (or one who holds off God) but sanctification in his case is not real or internal but merely external.

### VI. A call to renew past steadfastness (10:32-39).

In verse 32-39 the writer follows the same pattern of severe warning succeeded by appeal and encouragement. The appeal is first of all retrospective—they are to remember their past record; and then prospective—they are to fix their attention on Christ's return, which is believed to be imminent.

The reader is urged to continue to speak and act boldly for Christ as they had so gloriously done in former days (v. 35). Such action would not be in vain, for there is a Christian "recompense of reward" which depends not upon any legal right but upon the goodness and faithfulness of God.

Singapore—Sixty Texans recently led a week of special services in three Baptist churches in Singapore. Approximately 5,000 people attended and 205 made first-time decisions for Christ. Also, there were 133 rededications and 21 decisions to go into full-time Christian service.

When it comes to giving, some people stop at nothing.

## Retired pastor, Virgil Ratcliff, dies at 78

A funeral service for Virgil Ratcliff, 78, of Carthage, was held at 10 a.m., July 27, at First Church, Carthage, with burial at the Carthage Cemetery. He died at home (508 Dorrell St., Carthage), Saturday, July 25.

A Baptist minister for 48 years, Ratcliff served congregations in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Tennessee. He retired in 1968 as director of missions in Leake County, and had served interim pastorates since then.

Survivors include his wife, Annabell; a son, Joe Ratcliff of Many, La., who is a pastor; three daughters, Mrs. Jean Ladnier and Mrs. Virginia Norman of Nashville, Tenn., and Mrs. Mary Jane Nix of Smyrna, Tenn.; a brother; 13 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Ratcliff was born at Brookhaven and went to school at Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. His first pastorate was Tuscola Church near Lena in Leake County.

He and his wife, the former Annabell C. Tanner, had been married for 56 years. Mrs. Ratcliff in about two weeks will be moving to Nashville to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jean Ladnier. Her address will be 303 Ladybird Drive, Nashville, TN 37217.

## Parkway Church Houston dedicates new sanctuary

Parkway Church, Houston dedicated its new \$160,000 sanctuary July 26. The 4,700 square foot facility will seat 400 people, and has 48 seats in the choir.

In addition to the sanctuary, there are two classrooms, a 12' X 24' vestibule, two restrooms, two robe closets and storage closets, two porticos, and a 12' X 24' entrance porch.

The dedicatory activities began Friday evening, July 24, with a three-day revival. R. J. Wilmon of Tupelo was evangelist and the church music director, Arlie Holloway, led the singing. There were two professions of faith.

The Sunday afternoon dedicatory service began at 2 p.m. after dinner on the grounds. Pastor James Cannon spoke from Hebrews 12:1-2.

Don Trenor and Arlie Holloway presented special music. Ellis Hair led the dedicatory prayer. Grady Foster, chairman of the Building Committee, spoke. Others on program were Hollis

Donald Glenn (Donnie) Payne has resigned as pastor of First Church, Biggersville. He and Charlotte, his wife, and their daughter Suzanne live at Route 1, Blue Springs, Miss. 38828. A 1979 graduate of Blue Mountain College, he is enrolled in the seminary studies program at Union University, Jackson, Tenn. He may be contacted by phone at 601-534-3921 or at the above address for supply work, interim pastorates, or revivals.

New Hope (Oktober) has called Joey Brent as interim pastor.

Jerry N. Watts, minister of music/youth at Mt. Zion Church (Tate), has resigned, effective Aug. 16, to enter William Carey College. He will be living in Hattiesburg and will be available for interim supply or concert. He can be reached at 233-2910 until Aug. 16th; then his number will be 794-2924, William Carey College, P. O. Box 1216, Hattiesburg, MS.

First Church, Sumrall, has called Bill Herman as minister of music and youth. He is a student at William Carey College majoring in church music. He is married to the former Barbara Pace of the Oloh community near Hattiesburg.

First Church, Starkville has called Bill Weatherford as minister of youth. Weatherford is a graduate of University of Florida and Southern Seminary. He moved to Starkville from West Side Church, Louisville, Ky., where he was minister of youth and community activities.

North Union Church, Attala County, has a new pastor. Following the resignation of B. B. McGee, the church has called Don Womble, who also serves the Unity Church.

## 1st, Yazoo City will celebrate pastor's 20th

First Church, Yazoo City, has announced plans for several special events to be held on Sunday, Aug. 16. It will be Homecoming Day at the church, and will also mark a special occasion for the church's pastor, James F. Yates. It was 20 years ago, August 20, 1961, that Yates began his ministry with the



Yates  
Yazoo City congregation.

Events for Sunday, August 16, are being coordinated by a committee composed of Owen Cooper, Chairman, Mrs. Roland Stevens, Earl Barfield, A. B. Kelly, and Linda Jenkins. This group has assisted with special events since August 1960 when the church launched a year-long emphasis, "The Year of the Yates," leading up to the 20th anniversary of their pastor. "The Year of the Yates" will be climaxed on Homecoming Day.

Some of the features of the day will include special music at both worship services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; recognitions in connection with the Homecoming Day and the "Year of the Yates" observance; the presentation of a 20th anniversary gift to the pastor on behalf of the congregation; a time for fellowship and reunions; "dinner on the ground," and a reception honoring the Yateses.

Further information may be obtained by calling the Church Office, 746-2471, or by writing P. O. Box 780, Yazoo City, MS 39194.

## Life and Work Lesson

### When you are betrayed

By Joel E. Haire, pastor  
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Psalm 55:1-7, 9, 12-14, 20-22

One day a little child was walking along a road with his mother. As children will often do he started to run ahead of her. Just then he stumbled over a stone in the roadway. Hurt and surprised he looked up at his mother and said, "Mommy, why don't you look where I'm going?"

The stones in our pathways of life are not always easily seen. Sometimes when we feel we are running ahead in life, when it seems that all is going well, the most unexpected stones will appear to throw us off balance. We may be thrown by a sudden change in circumstances or difficult responsibilities. However, the stone that makes us fall harder than almost any other is the stone of disappointment in a close friend or loved one.

It seems impossible for us to always know where we are going, but God is concerned about our falls, our hurts and our disappointments. He always looks where we are going. God wants us to cast our burdens upon him and let him sustain us.

David faced a gigantic stone of betrayal by a trusted friend. As a result he was overwhelmed by disappointment, hurt and discouragement. Only after he traveled roads of bitterness and despair did he come to the place where he could say, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved" (55:22).

### I. Personal feelings fighting for priority (55:1-7)

Something happened in David's life that was least expected. It was such a shock to him that he was brought mentally and emotionally to one of the lowest points in his life. He did not tell many details of his experience. We know it centered around a close and cherished friendship that had been carelessly abused. The friendship suffered irreparable damage when his friend betrayed him. The results give us insight into the psalmist's personal struggles and his need for God.

It is interesting to note how Psalm 55 begins with a need for God and ends with an abiding confidence in God. The psalmist did not wait for crises to force him into a discovery of God's presence. He already knew God and was able to immediately go to God in prayer. Prayer was not awkward. It

was the place to go in time of need and at other times as well. His feelings changed, but he was consistent in prayer. When he felt panic he prayed. When he felt alone he prayed. When he felt bitterness toward his friend turned enemy he prayed.

Sometimes our consistent cries to God are out of doubt. We keep crying to God with the hope that He will hear us. David's cries were out of faith. He kept crying like a man who knew God was hearing him.

1. The need for God is acknowledged. David was confused about his human relationships, but he knew one thing; he needed God. His need for God was even "later" than his need for a friend.

2. The reality of the enemy is stated. Hatred is difficult to handle. Hatred without cause is still more difficult. David found himself on the receiving end of hatred when he had more cause for hating than did his enemy.

3. The personal effect is felt. David's heart was throbbing, and he was overcome with a sense of fear. He knew death at the hands of his enemy was a real possibility.

4. The desire for escape is revealed. The first solution that came to the psalmist as he worked through his problem was the idea of escape. We felt that if he could just fly away like a dove he could find rest. We may be tempted to run from our problems, but this is seldom a satisfactory solution. The problems often follow us.

### II. Destructive desires determine to express themselves (55:9)

David made an understandable request of the Lord. He knew that an entire kingdom and his life as well were on their way toward destruction. He felt the enemy should be destroyed rather than the kingdom. If evil men were allowed to take over only tragedy could follow. The question here was which should be destroyed, good or evil. Two things were requested which the psalmist felt would offer a second solution to his problem. He asked God to destroy. He also asked God to divide. At this point in time such a solution seemed reasonable to the poet.

### III. Overwhelming disappointment.

Psalm 55:12 reveals the search for an enemy. It seems that David wished he had an enemy who was responsible for his bad circumstances. He was prepared to deal with the reproach of

an enemy, but not able to accept the reproach of a friend. If he could just find someone who hated him and know that person stood against him, then he could solve his problem. However, this was not an enemy. It was a friend. No matter how long and carefully he reviewed the situation he still came up with the same painful answer. A friend had betrayed him.

Psalm 55:13-14 reviews his relationships of past friendships. David could not pass off his dilemma as the result of a casual acquaintance. It was not a hasty friendship where he had misjudged problems that already existed in the life of his friend. Rather David found himself overwhelmed with past evidences of a friendship that he could depend upon. He had much in common with his friend. They were equals, companions and familiar friends. They had reached one of the highest levels of friendship through worshiping together. In worship there had been the sweetness of personal friendship and sweetness with God. Only the sweetness of personal friendship had vanished.

The bitterness of a friendship gone bad is not reason for turning away from the church and worship. No matter how disappointed we may be in a fellow Christian and fellow worshiper this should never turn us away from the Lord.

Psalm 55:20-21 recalls the description of the enemy. It was hard for the psalmist to keep from magnifying the enemy. He went back again and again to mental pictures of the person he thought was his friend. Each time he came up with the same disappointing answer. Underneath a "smoother than butter" friendship was "war in his heart" reality. Here we see the third solution which the psalmist sought. It was to review the past. He wanted to find some reasonable pattern in what had happened, but there was none.

### IV. Undergirding strength of the Lord to sustain in time of need (55:22)

The only solution to David's problem was to cast his burden upon the Lord. When he did he discovered two things. He discovered what God required and how God responded. God had been there all of the time, but David needed to turn his problems over to God. When he did he experienced a response that sustained and upheld him. God did indeed look where David was going and was there to guide him.

## Uniform Lesson

### Doing business with God

By Jim Keith, pastor  
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Deuteronomy 29:1-5

The aging business man, a product of the old country, had come to this land of promise and prospered well. His eldest son in anticipation of eventually inheriting the family's enterprise went off to college to major in business. After one year of being programmed with economic idealism the student son returned home and hurriedly challenged and chided his hard-working father for never taking inventory and therefore never determining his profit and worth.

The old man gently responded to his son's newfound knowledge by instructing him to quickly collect a cigar box, a half dozen pencils, a pack of gum, and a few apples.

When the curious young boy cautiously placed the collection in his father's calloused hands he was completed to ask, "Dad, what is all of this for?"

The old man reflected for a new moment and then proudly smiling at his child said, "Son, when I came to this country that box represents all that I had. I guess we can say everything else we have now is profit!"

Good business always includes to some degree three important ingredients: (1) Inventory—what one has; (2) Investment—what one commits; and (3) Interest—what one receives. The present passage, Deuteronomy 29:1-5, deals with God's covenant or contract for doing business with man (vs. 1). The success of this working agreement is dependent upon the inclusion, involvement, and interaction of these three principles of proper business.

### I. Inventory (vs. 2-8):

"What hath God wrought?" is evidently the question underlying the present focus. For a third time (review Deuteronomy 1:1, 4:44) Moses gathered the people for whom he was responsible for a review of the redemptive work of God in their behalf (vs. 1-2). As a result of this collective audit and inventory two divine contributions to their cause were determined:

1. Salvation—What God had done for them! Although the word is not mentioned, the theme of this section is the theme of all of scripture—"salvation". The essence of God's saving grace is identified in three contributing acts comprising that salvation: (1) De-

liverance, as God brought them out of bondage (vs. 2-3; Romans 6:19-22); (2) Providence, as God gave them life's necessities, evidenced in both food (vs. 6) and furnishings (vs. 5, Philippians 4:19); and, (3) Inheritance, as God gave to them the prosperous land promised (vs. 7-8, Romans 8:14-16, Galatians 4:7). As noted in the included references the Old Testament record of historical salvation has a New Testament counterpart in spiritual salvation.

2. Source—The God who had done for them! The statement "I did this so that you might know that I am the Lord your God" (vs. 6) emphasizes the "savior" beyond the "salvation". Too often man's inventory accentuates "what God has done for me" rather than "the God who has done for me." This text was God's reminder to Israel then and all now that it is the "name" who saves and not the name of the one who is saved that is of premier importance (Acts 4:12-20).

Verse 4 could be used to speak of the "progressive revelation" of God (I Corinthians 2:6-16, Ephesians 3:2-12) or the "progressive comprehension" of man (II Corinthians 3:13-18, e.g. Matthew 17:8-9). With either conclusion it does suggest that man needs spiritually sensitive sight for seeing the evidence of God's saving grace at work (Matthew 13:10-17).

### II. Investment (vs. 9-13):

The concept of the "conditional covenant" is foundational to one's understanding of "doing business with God." It is based upon the human-divine interaction: "If you will do your part then I will do my part."

In general terms the goodness of God is given to all (e.g. vs. 2-6; Matthew 5:45), but beyond that God does not impose His generosity upon undesiring recipients. From this point the divine law of returns ("sowing and reaping," Galatians 6:7) takes effect. Familiar examples of such conditional covenants are found in II Chronicles 7:14, Romans 10:9, and I John 1:9, with each revealing God's redemptive response as being dependent upon man's initial action. When God's people "carefully follow the terms of this covenant . . ." (vs. 9), then God will (1) "prosper you in everything you do" (vs. 9), (2) "confirm you . . . as His people . . ." (vs. 13), and (3) "be your God as he promised you . . ." (vs. 13). (Consider Matthew 6:33).

### III. Interest (vs. 14-15)

The statement explicitly reveals the result of doing business with God, for the interest accrued is in direct proportion to the investment made. To do what God wants allows God to do what man needs (vs. 9, 12-15). God's "law of returns" (Galatians 6:7) produces guaranteed dividends in both kind (Galatians 6:8) and degree (Luke 6:38, 12:48). Jesus' "parable of the talents" was based upon this investment-interest relationship and illustrates well the Divine response to human willingness and unwillingness in following one's covenant—contract with the Master (Matthew 25:14-30).

Conclusion: The equation for doing business with God is this: (1) Inventory (vs. 2-8) plus (2) Investment (vs. 9-13) equals (3) Interest (vs. 9, 12-15). That formula first offered to the people of Israel was not faithfully followed by them and eventually forfeited. Let us learn our business lesson at their expense and not our own!

## Black HMB leader Smith succumbs

ATLANTA (BP)—Roland T. Smith, 79, the first black to have an executive position with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, died July 23.

Smith was appointed associate to the director of Negro work in 1942 and served until 1949. He also was among 18 Southern Baptist leaders honored by the board in 1979 for "outstanding contributions to racial reconciliation."

A native Georgian, Smith earned degrees from Morehouse College, Selma University, Arkansas Baptist College and Atlanta University.

Prior to HMB appointment, Smith was pastor of churches in Georgia and Alabama. He also was pastor in Arkansas following his service with the board, and later resettled in the Atlanta area.

### Names in the News

Westwood Church, Meridian, presented a new color console television to W. Buford Ury and Mrs. Ury on June 21. The church gave the couple a surprise reception during the Sunday evening service, marking his 13th anniversary as pastor there.